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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LOPEZ COMPLAINT ON LEAK OF NARCOTICS INFORMATION

REF: BOGOTA 739

1. "LE MONDE" STORY CONTINUES TO REVERBERATE IN COLOMBIAN PRESS.

2. JANUARY 30 EDITION OF LEFTIST WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE,
" ALTERNATIVA" CARRIES TRANSLATION FULL TEXT "LE MONDE"
ARTICLE. A "ALTERNATIVA" TITLES ITS REPORT, "LE MONDE ACCUSES
VARON VALENCIA" WITH SUBTITLE, "PRESTIGIOUS FRENCH PAPER
CITES LEAKS FROM A U.S. SENATE REPORT WHICH MENTIONS MINISTER
OF DEFENSE AND MINISTER OF LABOR OSCAR MONTOYA AS PROBABLE
'OFFICIAL ACCOMPLICES' BLOCKING THE WAR AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC."
"ALTERNATIVA" CONTINUES "LE MONDE MENTIONS A SECOND MINISTER.
" ALTERNATIVA" WAS ABLE TO LEARN, AFTER TALKING WITH PEOPLE
WHO HAD SEEN THE REPORT, THAT THE OTHER MINISTER IMPLICATED
IS THE MINISTER OF LABOR, OSCAR MONTOYA MONTOYA.

3. SENSATIONALIST DAILY "EL BOGOTANO" JAN 28 BRANDISHES
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HEADLINE IN RED, "LE MONDE ACCUSES VARON VALENCIA" AND CARRIES
FULL REPRINT " ALTERNATIVA" STORY ON EDITORIAL PAGE.

4. LIBERAL "EL ESPECTADOR" PUBLISHED JAN. 28 PAGE ONE LATIN
DISPATCH DATELINED WASHINGTON, TITLED "LATIN CORRUPTION IN
FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS". ARTICLE IS LATIN STORY ON CODEL WOLFF
REPORT. "ESPECTADOR" JAN. 30 CARRIED ON PAGE ONE SUMMARY OF LATIN

STORY FOLLOWED BY "LE MONDE" TEXT.

5. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, EMBASSY PLANS TO REPLY TO PRESS
QUERIES AS FOLLOWS: "THE U.S. AND COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENTS CON-
STANTLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS, INCLUDING
NARCOTICS CONTROL. THESE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ARE RESERVED
AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
MONTHS, A NUMBER OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN IN
COLOMBIA ON A VARIETY OF MISSIONS. THE REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN
ISSUED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. WE
HAVE READ THESE REPORTS AND NONE OF THEM CONTAIN THE NAMES OF
ANY INDIVIDUALS".
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